

*In re Rasmussen et al.*  
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### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following Listing of Claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims.

### **LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1-63. cancelled

64. (previously presented)      A solid needle-shaped pharmaceutical composition comprising a binder that forms an amorphous matrix, at least one therapeutic agent, and, optionally, at least one non-crystallization agent, wherein the binder consists essentially of maltitol and the composition is capable of penetrating cutis or mucosa by injection without dissolution or other reconstitution.

65. (previously presented)      The composition of claim 64, wherein the composition comprises one or more non-crystallization agents selected from the group consisting of sorbitol, hydrogenated oligosaccharides, and combinations thereof.

66. (previously presented)      A solid needle-shaped pharmaceutical composition comprising a binder that forms an amorphous matrix and at least one therapeutic agent, and, optionally, at least one non-crystallization agent, wherein the composition is primarily composed of maltitol and the composition is capable of penetrating cutis or mucosa by injection without dissolution or other reconstitution.

67. (previously presented)      The composition of claim 66, wherein the composition comprises one or more non-crystallization agents selected from the group consisting of sorbitol, hydrogenated oligosaccharides, and combinations thereof.

68. cancelled